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REPLACEMENT OF OLD AUTO DIALING INSTRUMENTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) proposes to replace five year old auto-dialing instruments without any charges during the year 2001-2002; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) MTNL Delhi has planned to replace all telephone instruments which are older than five years. In the first phase, instruments older than 8 years are being replaced during the year 2001-02.

In MTNL, Mumbai, all auto-dialing instruments have already been replaced by Push button instruments. Further, it has now been decided to replace Electronic Push Button Telephone (EPBT`s) of Direct Exchange Lines (DELs) working in 1995-96, as detailed below:

55% of EPBT`s will be replaced during 2001-2002
45% of EPBT`s will be replaced during 2002-2003